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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, on this National Day of Prayer, our hearts overflow with gratitude for Your goodness to America. All that we have and are is a result of Your amazing generosity.

Today, we rededicate ourselves to be one Nation under You. In You we trust. You have begun a spiritual awakening in our land and have taught us that repentance is to make a U-turn and return to You. We reaffirm our accountability to You, the absolutes of Your Commandments, and to do justice in our society. Awaken every American to receive Your love and to seek to do Your will.

Since September 11, we have discovered again that You truly are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. In the battle against terrorism, we will never give up or give in because with Your help we will win.

Bless our President, the Cabinet, Congress, and all State and local leaders with supernatural power. We commit ourselves to be faithful to You as Sovereign of our land and Lord of our lives. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON S. CORZINE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 2, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORZINE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

A HAPPY DAY FOR THE SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while our good Chaplain is still in the building, I note that this is a happy day for him and the entire Senate family, as I have received word that his wife, Mary Jane, after 3 weeks in intensive care, has now been taken out of intensive care. She still has a long way to go toward recovery, but at least that is a significant step forward after having spent so much time in the intensive care ward of the hospital. She has now been moved to a private room.

So we are very happy for the Chaplain, who does such a good job watching over each of us, and we are grateful that his prayers, and those of others, have been answered. His wife is out of intensive care.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we are going to proceed immediately to a period of morning business, and then I am told we will hear from Senator

BAUCUS, who has not yet had the opportunity to give his opening statement on the trade bill. He is the manager of this legislation, as is Senator GRASSLEY. They are both going to give opening statements, I believe, this morning.

There is an amendment pending. Senator DORGAN indicated to me he wants a vote on it as quickly as possible. So those people who have any information that they want to give the Senate regarding the Dorgan amendment should do it as soon as they can; otherwise, we will vote on it.

We expect a very busy day. As you know, we have a Senate retreat tomorrow a number of us will be attending. Therefore, we will not be in session tomorrow. We have a lot of business to accomplish today. We want to make progress on this trade bill. We expect to hear from a number of Senators on the resolution dealing with Israel. That will be brought before the Senate sometime today. We also hope to have an opportunity to work on the farm bill conference today. So we have a lot of work to try to accomplish today.

We expect the House to take up the farm bill this morning at 10 o'clock. So if we are fortunate, that bill should be over here at 1 or 2 this afternoon.

We want to work something out so it can be brought before the Senate. Although I am not from a farm State, I have been told it is extremely important to complete that legislation so that the farmers in those States have some knowledge of what they are supposed to do with the crops this year.

Mr. President, as I have indicated several times this morning, we have a lot to do. I ask unanimous consent that the half hour for morning business begin to run now.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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